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Dear Harold=

I'm enclosing a page from the latest issue of "Socialist Action" which tells of the recent information appearing in the British paper, "The Observer" Dec. 12, 1993.

You're probably familiar with this story but you may not be aware of the article enclosed written by Roland Sheppard. I ran into Roland at a forum I attended & told him about your book on James Earl Ray but he did not know of it. He knew about your writings on the JFK case. Roland asked me for your address & phone number as he wanted to discuss this with you. I'll be calling him about this and you'll probably receive a phone call from him very shortly.

I'm also enclosing a copy of an article which appeared in the December, 1993 issue of "California Monthly". As you can see it's a "debate" between Peter Dale Scott and Posner. It's interesting to note that Posner doesn't address a single evidentiary piece to support his so-

called "conclusion" of lone assassin theory. It's the same old re-cycled "Oswald was a disturbed kid-truant - wife-beater & crazed Marxist/anarchist driven" individual.. loner, lynmy probably has learned to steer clear of any evidence because it gets him caught up in verification he can't really handle. So he trots out the "abnormal psychology" routine.

The other article I'm enclosing (by George Ball) on JFK which appeared in the "New York Review of Books" (2/3/94) is far more interesting & revealing. Ball, of course, knew JFK & thus can tell where Richard Reeves goes astray. I thought his (Ball's) comments on what JFK did (or didn't do) about Vietnam go a long way in explaining the controversy about JFK's intentions. It may not be conclusive but it certainly adds more light to the subject & cannot be easily dismissed. My own view is that JFK was caught in a quandary which he could not easily get out of & his vacillation can be explained by the great pressures put on him. Most interesting (& very little observed by most writers) is what Ball had to say about JFK's father who played a very important role in advising (& even guiding) his son. Certainly there's food for thought here.

Well, that's all I have for now. Hope you get through the extreme cold weather & things are back to normal.

I'll, of course, keep in touch.

Best,

Hal